

SENATE BILL 347

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By: **Senators Pugh, Benson, Conway, Jones–Rodwell, Madaleno, Montgomery, Ramirez, and Rosapepe**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Impact of Adjunct Faculty on Graduation Rates at**
3 **Historically Black Institutions**

4 FOR the purpose of creating the Task Force to Study the Impact of Adjunct Faculty on
5 Graduation Rates at Historically Black Institutions in the State; providing for
6 the membership, duties, compensation, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring
7 the Task Force to make certain findings and recommendations by a certain
8 date; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and certain committees
9 by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
10 relating to the Task Force to Study the Impact of Adjunct Faculty on
11 Graduation Rates at Historically Black Institutions in the State.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Impact of Adjunct Faculty on
15 Graduation Rates at Historically Black Institutions in the State.

16 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

17 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
18 President of the Senate;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
2 of the House;

3 (3) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;

4 (4) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or the
5 Chancellor's designee;

6 (5) the President of Bowie State University, or the President's
7 designee;

8 (6) the President of Coppin State University, or the President's
9 designee;

10 (7) the President of Morgan State University, or the President's
11 designee;

12 (8) the President of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, or the
13 President's designee;

14 (9) a representative of students at historically black institutions in the
15 State appointed by the Secretary of Higher Education;

16 (10) a representative of adjunct faculty at historically black institutions
17 in the State appointed by the Secretary of Higher Education; and

18 (11) a representative of administrators at historically black institutions
19 in the State who address retention issues.

20 (c) The Secretary of Higher Education shall designate the chair of the Task
21 Force.

22 (d) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall provide staff for the
23 Task Force.

24 (e) A member of the Task Force:

25 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

26 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
27 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

28 (f) The Task Force shall:

29 (1) analyze the number and type of adjunct faculty and the number of
30 tenured faculty at historically black institutions in the State and other institutions of
31 higher education in the State;

1 (2) evaluate the ratio of adjunct to full-time faculty at historically
 2 black institutions in the State in comparison to other institutions of higher education
 3 in the State and assess the impact of the ratio on retention and graduation rates at
 4 historically black institutions in the State;

5 (3) evaluate the impact of different kinds of adjunct instruction,
 6 including full-time, nontenure-track instructors, graduate student instructors,
 7 part-time instructors, and postdoctoral fellows on retention and graduation rates; and

8 (4) make findings and recommendations regarding the relationship
 9 between the ratio of adjunct to full-time faculty at historically black institutions in the
 10 State and current disparities in retention and graduation rates in Maryland's
 11 institutions of higher education.

12 (g) On or before January 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings and
 13 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
 14 Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
 15 Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 17 October 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
 18 September 30, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
 19 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.